

GROVER CLEVELAND DEAD.

In the death of Grover Cleveland the most historic character and stalwart patriot and trusted statesman since the days of Washington has gone the way of all flesh. And the ARGUS did not wait till he was dead to say this of him. It has been our undeviating estimate of him since this paper was a paper. He was the only man that gave an issue and brought success to the National Democratic party since the war, and he passes today into history secure in the distinction of having held in the retirement of private life, after service in high public place, the ready ear of all patriotic Americans, without regard to party affiliations, and their unquestioned fealty.

Great man—he was! Great of soul, great of thought, great in public utterance and in official purpose. One who had wisdom, because, as a ruler and guide of his people, he coveted wisdom—and she “is found by them that seek her.”

“Wisdom is glorious, and never fades away, and is easily seen by them that love her, and is found by them that seek her.”

And “after this cometh night, but no evil can overcome wisdom,” for “God loveth none but him that dwelleth with wisdom.” And so we have the assurance, founded on faith in the promises, that this so great man, today “fallen on sleep,” is now enjoying the beatific vision, which is the joy of the elect—“to see His face.”

WILLIAM H. TAFT.

A convention that was packed by the administration in a manner more open than this country has ever experienced has executed the orders of the White House. William Howard Taft has been placed on a platform that was dictated in almost every line in the White House itself. The real platform is, however, Theodore Roosevelt and his policies, and the nominee has little chance of success if he departs in any material respect from the precepts of Mr. Roosevelt.

The way in which federal office-holders were seated from the south, and the machine-like actions first of the national committee and then of the credentials committee at Chicago, by which nearly all anti-Taft delegates were driven out, regardless of the rights of contestants, nearly created a revolution in the convention. The subject of representation in future conventions was warmly debated on Wednesday, and the present basis of representation was maintained by the close vote of 596 yeas and 471 nays. The southern delegates saved the day, for one northern state after another voted to change the representation of the southern rotten boroughs.

William H. Taft goes to the people at the dictation of a dying administration that employed for that purpose delegates who have no electoral votes behind them. If the country likes this change in popular government they will elect Taft President, but if they prefer the old way of selecting a President they will act accordingly in November. As things stand, President Roosevelt has decided to see that his policies are carried out after he goes out of office. He selects a man to carry them out. This man is William Howard Taft, whom Roosevelt has caused to be made the nominee of the republican party. He has written the platform he is to stand on, and it is his will, rather than the popular will, that Taft stands for and represents. This may be all right, but it is not popular government. It is government by continuity of administration. It is government by Theodore Roosevelt. This certainly is not government of the people by the people for the people.

Examinations for Teachers Certificates.

On July 9th and 10th, at the Court House in Goldsboro, examinations for the following teachers' certificates will be held:

The Two Year County Certificate.
The Five Year State Certificate.
The High School Certificate.

Questions for the examination of the Five Year State Certificate and the High School Certificate will be prepared by the State Board of Examiners, and all papers will be graded by the said Board. Information relative to these examinations and application blanks will be furnished, upon request, by the State Superintendent or by the County Superintendent of Public Instruction.

E. T. Atkinson,
County Superintendent.

There is some controversy over who will collect and distribute the republican slush this year. It will be remembered a considerable nucleus is left over from the last campaign to start the ball a-rolling.

Genoa Items.

Mrs. Ashley Edgerton, of Rocky Mount, visited relatives here Saturday.

Mr. W. J. Moore, of Wilmington, visited his father, Mr. J. R. Moore, last week.

Mr. W. F. Moore went to Wilmington Wednesday, returning Saturday. He reports a very pleasant trip.

Misses Nell Herring, Amy and Mary Brogden, of near Dudley, were guests of Miss Nettie Hollowell Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Farmer, after spending a short while with relatives here, returned to their home, near Holly Springs, Sunday.

President L. L. Hobbs, of Guilford College, attended services at Woodland Friends church Saturday and Sunday. His services were very much appreciated.

Mrs. Chas. Giddens and little daughter, Gladys, left one day last week for Wrightsville Beach, where they will spend some time for the benefit of the latter's health.

Miss Nellie McCown, who has finished the nurses course at Wilson Sanatorium, and after spending a few days in Durham attending the Nurses Convention, is at home now, to the delight of her many friends.

Woodland Crumbs.

Miss Nellie McCown, of Wilson, N. C., a trained nurse, has been visiting her parents and attended church at Woodland on Sunday last.

Mr. Walter Moore, of Wilmington, was out Sunday.

Miss Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Stevens of Goldsboro, attended church at Woodland Saturday.

The roll call meeting held at Woodland on Saturday was well attended, the programme was carried out nicely, a large number answering to their names and some letters read from absent members. Dinner was served in picnic form, and a social hour followed. Reminiscences by Mrs. Lillian Overman, a paper read by President L. Z. Hobbs, of Guilford College, and an address by W. G. Hubbard, constituted the exercises of the afternoon, except the song service, all of which was excellent and highly appreciated. We feel that it has been a bright day for Woodland.

President Hobbs remained over Sunday and spoke on religion being the greatest power in the world, and at 8 p. m. on Christian Education, all of which was very good and inspiring. Quite a number of the people of your city are calling at Myrtle Springs these hot days.

Corn is being laid by and water-melons will soon be ripe.

Reader.

AT HALF MAST.

North Carolina Pays Ready Honor to a Great Man's Memory.

Raleigh, June 24—Gov. Glenn, on being informed of Mr. Cleveland's death, sent the following telegram:

“Mrs. Grover Cleveland, Princeton, N. J.

“As Governor of North Carolina and friend of Mr. Cleveland, I extend to you my heartfelt sympathy in your great loss.

“R. B. Glenn.”

Gov. Glenn was a great personal admirer of the Ex-President, having known him well. He was elected for Cleveland twice and was appointed by him district attorney in 1893.

State and National flags here are at half mast.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

June 24.

- 1706 Madrid entered by the English and Portuguese.
- 1741 Alliance between George II. of England and Maria Theresa of Austria.
- 1753 General William Hull born in Connecticut. Died in Massachusetts, November 29, 1825.
- 1813 Americans surrendered at Beavers Dams.
- 1831 Reform bill re-introduced in the British parliament.
- 1856 President of the United States recognized the filibuster General Walker as President of Nicaragua.
- 1859 Repulse of the French and English squadron on the Pelho.
- 1868 Japanese ports closed to European and American traders.
- 1871 Cornerstone for the New York State capitol laid at Albany.
- 1900 Spain ceded the Caroline Islands to Germany.
- 1907 President Roosevelt signed a treaty with Santo Domingo.

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NEWS FROM WALTER.

Interesting News Items From [that Prosperous Neighborhood

ARGUS BUREAU.
WALTER, N. C.
June 24, 1908.

Mr. Alkie Massey was here Sunday from Johnston county on a prospecting tour.

Miss Ida Coor is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Milford Aycock, near Pinkney.

Little Miss Doris Crawford is spending a few days at Oak Glenn, with her baby brother, Phil, Jr.

Mr. Drewry Green, of Raleigh, was a visitor here last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Dixon.

Miss Susie Pulley, of LaGrange, is visiting here, where she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Beeton.

Messrs. Herman Parker and Emmett Holloman, of your city, were visitors in our community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Milford Aycock and Miss Collins Garriss, from the Pinkney section, were visitors at Mr. Lon Dail's one day last week.

Mrs. Wright Lynch, who has been on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Dixon, returned to her home in your city Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Fall, from the Oakland section, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lon Dail, and Mrs. Fall's mother, “aunt” Susan Dail.

Misses Ophelia Coor and Annie Belle Rose spent Saturday and Sunday in your city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howell and Mrs. Con Whittington.

The farmers are now in a very busy season laying by corn and sowing peas. Those who also have truck to take to have their hands full, and not much time to swap horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crumm and children, of your city, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Beeton, and were visitors at Oak Glen Sunday afternoon for a short while.

Miss Lala Smith, who has been filling an engagement in a millinery store in Greensboro for the season, returned home last Friday, where her many friends are glad to see her.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Howell, Mr. Jethro Howell and Miss Vivian May, of Boston, and Mr. John Gurley and Miss Effie Swinson spent Sunday at delightful Morehead, and report a most pleasant and enjoyable trip.

My, my, who ever heard of so many candidates. The woods are full of them, and every day brings out new ones. Truly, the day when the office sought the man has passed and gone. And we are living in an age when “many men of many minds” are hot on the trail of every office from township tax collector to governorship. When ever we meet a man with an unusually pleasant smile, and the temperature of his hand shake is above the normal, we mark him as a victim of “earnest solicitations” and watch for his card of appointment.

Some one shot and killed Mr. Lon Dail's fine stock hog last Sunday, week ago. The hog was in Mr. Perry Cox's pasture, and not coming up at feeding time, an investigation was begun, which resulted in finding the hog dead with a load of shot in his shoulder, head and neck. The report of a gun Sunday morning was heard about the breakfast hour. Whether some one did it for pure “devilment,” or because the hog had been a little annoying in breaking out of the pasture, is not known. He was a fine one, easily worth \$25. There is no clue yet to the guilty party, but the matter is being investigated.

Mr. Phil Crawford and Miss Cora Jones were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones, near Kinston, on the morning of the 11th, inst. It was a very quiet home wedding, only a very few of the friends and relatives of the contracting parties being present. After the ceremony, they boarded the early morning train and spent a few days in Washington and Roanoke, Va. On their return home, they stopped over in your city on a visit to Mr. Crawford's mother, Mrs. Jno. R. Smith, and were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Will Crawford at Oak Glen, for a few days, returning home Monday afternoon. The bride is the daughter of one of Leon county's most prosperous and substantial farmers, and a woman of rare accomplishments and charming personality. They will enter at once upon the pleasures of housekeeping at their comfortable home in Kinston with the abiding good wishes of hosts of friends for a long life of the fullest measure of happiness.

One of the trying features of the weather is the persistence with which your friends in places just as hot work off that old gag about sleeping under blankets every night.

Funny pictures at Opera House every night don't miss them.

An Endorsement.

To the Democratic Voters of Wayne County :-

The undersigned desire to present to your consideration the name of Mr. William A. Copeland, of Great Swamp Township, who seeks the nomination for the office of Register of Deeds, and we, who know him intimately, who are acquainted with his splendid character, his qualifications for the office and his unswerving fealty to the principles of Democracy and his service to the party, deem it a privilege to give the impress of our names to his candidacy, and urge upon you to support him in your Township Primaries and in the County Convention.

The time is ripe for a return to the great underlying policy of Democracy that guarantees integrity in office and vigor to the party and hope to its adherents, viz: “Rotation in Office.”

The present incumbents of our county offices have served well, but they went in under rotation, and they should voluntarily do now as they would be done by—they should rotate.

This being true, we feel that your choice of a successor to our present very excellent Register of Deeds could not fall upon one more capable or worthy than William A. Copeland; and, too, he comes from a township and section that has always stood firm in the party's battles in the past and has had little recognition in the allotment of the offices.

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W. R. HOOKS,
D. COPELAND,
W. T. TURLINGTON, M. D.
J. T. HOOKS,
L. O. HAYES, M. D.
J. B. HOOKS,
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W. B. FLOARS,
T. L. YELVERTON,
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T. E. YELVERTON,
L. D. HOOKS,

BARNES AYCOCK,
E. L. PEELE,
CHAS. AYCOCK,
G. S. GODWIN,
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J. W. HOOKS,
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M. R. HOOKS,
F. H. HOOKS.

R. E. CHASE,
W. S. LANE,
W. R. BALLANCE,
E. L. PIPPIN,
W. T. HOOKS,
JAMES OVERMAN,
SIMON AYCOCK,
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MURRAY AYCOCK,
W. L. POPE,
ALEX. AYCOCK,
MILFORD AYCOCK.

GENERAL WRIGHT'S APPOINTMENT.

The announcement that Gen'l. Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee, will succeed Judge Taft as secretary of war, will be a source of gratification to the host of friends of the appointee in his own State as well as throughout the South, where he is widely known and esteemed.

The appointment was not unexpected. It was rumored a while back that Gen. Wright was slated for the position. It was then reported that the appointment would carry with it two purposes, one to put at the head of the war department a man of rare executive ability and ripe experience, and at the same time to employ this means of carrying Tennessee for the republican presidential ticket. What effect the appointment will have in that direction is problematical at this time, and remains to be seen. But that the selection was a wise one from a standpoint of the fitness of the appointee will be generally conceded by those who knew the ability and the character of the man.

Gen. Wright has been tried in many positions of responsibility and trust, and was not wanting in any of them. He is one of the leading citizens of the South, and has been prominent in public spirited movements for its advancement and welfare. In the terrible yellow fever scourge of his home town he was a power for good, and his efforts and influence in that crisis marked his unselfish devotion to duty. As a member of the Philippine commission and afterwards as governor of the islands he made a splendid record, and subsequently served with ability as first ambassador to Japan at a time when the relations between that country and the United States required a high degree of diplomacy by the American representative.

It is no doubt true, as President Roosevelt says, that General Wright is the best equipped man in the country to take up the work of the war department, which requires wide experience and special training, and which offers a broad field for the splendid talents and qualifications of the new appointee. He will have many difficult matters to handle, but General Wright will prove himself equal to the task.

The fact that General Wright was a Confederate soldier—and one of the truest and bravest, and now comes to the head of the war department, 43 years after that war, is worthy of note from many view points and most gratifying withal.

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